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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2004 for one(1) month(s) from May 6, 2004 to June 6, 2004. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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